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WILL REPORT ON CLUB FINANCES

MEETING OF LOCAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD TONIGHT.

ALL MEMBERS URGED TO COME

Aberdeen and Columbus to Play Postponed Game Here Saturday.

Mr. E. L. Kuykendall, president of the Columbus Baseball Association, has issued a call for members of the organization to meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock tonight, at which time Mr. L. B. Divilbiss, secretary and treasurer, will submit a report showing the receipts and disbursements to date.

The local club was organized a little more than a month ago to enter the Northeast Mississippi League which is composed of Columbus, Tupelo, Aberdeen and West Point. The attendance has been only fair, the receipts at the different games having been just about sufficient to pay the expenses of the visiting teams. A goodly sum was subscribed by local fans at the start, however, and the club will probably have sufficient funds to finish the season out without calling for additional contributions.

Columbus will play in Aberdeen today and tomorrow, and the two teams will cross bats here Saturday. While the schedule calls for no Saturday contests, several games were postponed on account of rain, and the games to be played here Saturday will count in the percentage column.

In one of the closest and most exciting games seen on the Lake Park diamond in many a day, the Tuesday afternoon defeated Columbus by a score of 2 to 1. Owen pitched for the visitors and inability to connect with his curves is responsible for the defeat of the locals.

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ATHERTON SEEKS DATA ON JACKSON HIGHWAY WORK

HON. T. J. LOCKE, JR., RECEIVES LETTER FROM LOUISVILLE MAN.

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., local member of the executive committee of Jackson Highway Association, is in receipt of a letter from Hon. P. L. Atherton, of Louisville, Ky., president of the organization, in which he asks for information concerning what has been done in this district relative to the construction of the route.

"We are now going into July," says Col. Atherton, "and it will be only a little over two months and a half before the pathfinding committee will start on their inspection on October 1. In addition to this there are a number of reasons why it would be very much of an advantage to the road to have at this office at this time a report of what has been done so far this season, and what you are in shape to do and expect to do between now and October first."

Mr. Locke in reply to Col. Atherton's letter stated that the route of the highway traversing this county was in good shape. High waters washed away some of the roads, but arrangements have been made to repair them, and they will be made in first class condition when the pathfinders go over them in October.

A log of the route of the Jackson highway is to be included in the Blue Book, the official publication of the National Automobile Association, and arrangements are now being made to secure the necessary data. Hon. T. J. Locke, the local member of the executive committee of the highway association, having agreed to superintend the work in this immediate section.

The publishers of the Blue Book have requested local automobilists to furnish a car and a guide to be used in logging the route between Columbus and Meridian, and this request will be acceded to. There are 36 miles of the highway in this county, and the people here will be called upon to furnish the money necessary to log this highway, which will be about \$36.

RESPITE FROM RAIN TEMPORARY

FEARFUL DOWNPOUR DESCENDED YESTERDAY, STREETS FLOODED.

FURTHER INJURY TO CROPS WROUGHT

Damage Now Seems Beyond Repair and People Are Disconsolate.

After having experienced a few days of comparatively clear weather this section was visited by another rainstorm Wednesday and local merchants and farmers, who were just beginning to take a more hopeful view of the situation, are again gloomy and down-hearted, as there seems to be no possible chance for crops to recover from the damage which has been sustained and the yield of cotton, corn and other agricultural products grown in the territory contiguous to Columbus promises to be exceedingly meager.

The rain came up about noon yesterday, and for nearly two hours descended in torrents, gutters overflowed, and in different places on Main and Market streets, the principal business thoroughfares of the city, water stood several inches deep.

The damage to crops is the worst ever experienced here, being far worse than in 1892, when this section last experienced such heavy loss as the result of swollen stream.

Mr. B. B. Mitchener, who for some time has held the position of soda dispenser at S. B. Street & Son's drug store, has resigned his position to accept a place with the Hiawatha Manufacturing Company, in Jackson. He expects to leave on August 1 for his home in Tupelo, where he will spend a fortnight before resuming his new position.

Joyner-Mitchell.

Mr. J. W. Joyner, the popular and efficient agent of the Southern Express Company in this city, and Miss Jennie Mitchell, of Bolivar, Tenn., were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. H. Herron, in Bemis, Tenn., at 9 o'clock Monday morning. They reached Columbus Tuesday morning and will make their home here.

Mr. Joyner occupies a responsible position and is highly esteemed among the business men of Columbus, while his bride is a pretty and attractive lady and will be accorded a most cordial welcome.

INGRAHAM, BROOMFIELD AND LEE ARE GRANTED BAIL

PRINCIPLES IN ABERDEEN MURDER CASE HAVE HEARING AT JACKSON.

Jackson, Miss., July 19.—Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Samuel Cook, after hearing argument on a writ of habeas corpus, granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 each to Dr. F. E. Lee and J. A. Broomfield, and of \$5,000 to Clyde Ingraham, held for murder at Aberdeen.

Drs. Lee and Broomfield, it is charged, performed a criminal operation upon Miss Mary Miller, young school teacher of Plattsburg, and Ingraham was held as an accessory. The young woman died at Dr. Lee's home in Aberdeen about three weeks ago. At a preliminary trial a Monroe county justice of the peace held that all three were guilty of murder and refused to grant bail.

Judge Cook decided that under the statute the offense charged was plainly manslaughter and that the defendants were entitled to bond. The men are now in jail at Tupelo, having been removed from Aberdeen for safe keeping.

Mr. Frank Drake has returned to his position as bookkeeper at the National Bank of Commerce, after a short vacation, which he spent in Goodman. Mrs. Drake and little daughter, who have been spending some time in Goodman, returned home the first of the week with Mr. Drake.

Miss Louise Scott, of Meridian, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lena Jamison, of North Third avenue.



HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Hundreds of gallons of oil from saw mills and other plants have been found floating down the Yadkin river in North Carolina, and among other things reported as having been picked up is a half a dozen moonshine plants.

Workmen in overalls clearing the debris out of the Jeff Davis old soldiers' home last week proved to be Governor Theo. G. Bilbo, Lieutenant-Governor Lee M. Russell and Mayor Sweep Taylor of Jackson. Hickory shirts, old straw hats and overalls were slipped on the official persons, and with saws, brooms and wheelbarrows, they worked all day restoring the home and yard to its former cleanliness.

Twenty-five thousand tons of coal, owned by the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad Company, used as fuel for the trains and for the big shops of the company located at Hattiesburg, is afire at that place, and efforts on the part of the road officials and the Hattiesburg fire department to suppress the flames, are unavailing. The fire is entering on its second week. Already more than 1,200 tons have been consumed and the blaze is gradually spreading through two of the four small mountains of coal heaped up in the shop yards. Spontaneous combustion it is believed started the fire. Water won't stop it. It will be necessary to remove the greater part of it.

Having lost everything they possessed in the recent storm on the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Favor, of Columbus, Ga., decided to hobo their way to El Paso, Texas, the woman dressed as a man. They were arrested in Biloxi. The woman is 18 years old and the husband 24.

The schooner W. D. Cash, fishing out of Tampa, Fla., has put back in port from the snapper banks, and reports that the taking of fish is impossible because schools of huge sharks take every fish that is hooked before it can be brought in the boat. The ship came in without a fish on board.

General Cipriano Castro, one time president of Venezuela, who arrived in New York recently from Trinidad, have been ordered deported by a special board of inquiry at Ellis Island. The hearing, which lasted 50 minutes, was private. The charge against Gen. Castro, however, is said to involve moral turpitude. The order as applied to Mrs. Castro was characterized as technical.

Dr. W. C. Brewer, health officer of Lowndes county, is taking precautions to prevent an epidemic of infantile paralysis here. Columbus has already had one case, the patient having died and Dr. Brewer does not expect to allow a recrudescence of the disease if he can help it. He is being assisted by other local physicians and everything possible is being done to keep the malady from again making its appearance here.

BODY OF J. D. WEATHERED IS BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

MAN WHO DIED IN ATLANTA WAS FORMER RESIDENT OF COLUMBUS.

The body of J. D. Weathered, formerly of this city, who died in Atlanta Monday night, was brought here for interment, having arrived over the Southern Railway at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and having been taken immediately to Friendship cemetery for burial.

The body was accompanied by four relatives, Messrs. Roy Miles, Sam McKinney and Earl Speed, of Atlanta, and J. E. Weathered, of Pelahatchie. In addition to these relatives, deceased, who was 72 years of age, is survived by three daughters, Mesdames T. R. Miles and S. L. McKinney, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Robert L. Speed, of this city. Two sons also survive, one of these is Mr. Weathered, of Pelahatchie, who accompanied the body, and the other, Mr. T. C. Weathered, of Meridian. He also leaves a half brother, Mr. Tom Fancher, of this city.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. I. Allen, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and the following gentlemen officiated as pallbearers: Messrs. J. L. Fant, G. W. Carson, Will Brown, W. H. Gordon, R. C. McClannahan and H. E. Hoffmeister.

GEN. SYKES RELINQUISHES AN IMPORTANT POSITION

TENDERS RESIGNATION AS ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF TENNESSEE ARMY.

After twenty-six years of continuous service, Gen. E. T. Sykes, of this city, has tendered his resignation as adjutant-general and chief of staff of the Army of Tennessee Department, United Confederate Veterans. This department includes seven states and entails a great deal of work upon the official occupying the position of adjutant-general. Gen. Sykes has a large law practice and feels that he is no longer able to devote to the duties of the position, the time that the proper discharge of these duties require. For many years he has given much of his time to Confederate matters, having been prominent, not only in department work, but in the work of the local camp.

Review Meeting Today.

Columbus Review No. 11, Ladies' Benefit Association, Order of the Maccabees of the World, will meet in regular session this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Knights of Pythias hall. Business of importance will be transacted and all members are urged to be present. The session will convene promptly at 3 o'clock.

COUNTY BOARD CREATES NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS PROVIDE SCHOOL FOR BORDER SPRINGS.

The Lowndes County School Board met at the court house Wednesday morning, the meeting having been presided over by Prof. E. A. Stanley, county superintendent of education. The most important action taken was the establishment of the Border Springs school district, for which a teacher will be employed later. Other business transacted was of a routine nature. The following members attended the meeting: Messrs. T. J. Smith, of District 1; Battle Bell, of District 2; L. F. Taggart, of District 3, and Perry Brooks, of District 4.

Funeral Here Today.

The body of Mr. Perry Loftis, a native of this county, who died Tuesday at San Antonio, Texas, will be brought here for burial, the funeral occurring upon the arrival of the body at 2:00 o'clock over the Southern Railway. Mr. Loftis, who was about 30 years of age, was born in the Caledonia neighborhood, and for some time was a resident of Birmingham, where he was engaged in business. Several years ago his health failed and he went to Texas, where death later ensued.

Mr. Tom Perkerson Dies.

Mr. Tom Perkerson, age 35, a well known and highly respected citizen of the Caledonia neighborhood, passed away Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock after an illness of long duration.

Mr. Perkerson, who was a native of Lowndes county, was prominent in religious affairs in his section, having for a long time served as superintendent of the Flint Hill Methodist Sunday school. He was a prominent member of the order of Woodmen of the World. Besides a devoted wife he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. G. Ellis and Miss Lula Perkerson, of this city, and three brothers, Messrs. John F. Perkerson, C. H. Perkerson and J. A. Perkerson, who are also residents of this city. They have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Funeral services were held at Egger cemetery Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Gregory, pastor of the Caledonia Methodist church.

Woolworth to Open Store Here.

Realizing the growing importance of Columbus as a commercial and shopping center, F. W. Woolworth & Company, who operate 10c stores in many cities throughout the country, have arranged to open an establishment here. The firm has secured a long lease on the building at 115 South Market street, which is in the center of the shopping district, and will open up for business at an early date.

Mr. Roy Savery, a well known young citizen of Tupelo, was in Columbus Tuesday for the ball game.

AMERICANS FIRE ON THE MEXICANS

TROOPS EXCHANGE SHOTS ACROSS BORDER NEAR EL PASO.

ONE MEXICAN IS REPORTED KILLED

Differences May Be Arbitrated by Joint International Commission.

El Paso, Texas, July 18.—A party of mounted Mexicans exchanged fire with company L of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry here today. According to reports the guardsmen were doing outpost duty when the Mexicans rode up on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande and opened fire. The guardsmen suffered no casualties but reported they believed they had killed one Mexican.

Capt. Hickey, of Dorchester, Mass., commanding the company, estimated the number of Mexicans at 15, but asserted that he was unable to determine whether or not they were soldiers. Approximately 50 shots were fired on each side, it was said.

Both Gen. George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district, and Lieut-Col. Leon Buclon, acting garrison commander in Juarez, said they had received no official reports of the incident and both said it seemed trivial.

The shooting occurred in an isolated district about three miles down the river from El Paso. The Massachusetts company was doing patrol duty in this section.

Capt. Hickey said that throughout the day small parties of Mexicans appeared from time to time on the Mexican bank of the river, which is about 300 yards wide at this point. Then, he said, a mounted detachment appeared, most of the horsemen wearing red serapes.

The Mexicans rode up the river bank, dismounted and deployed as skirmishers, creeping through the underbrush which dotted the river's edge. One of the Mexicans fired his rifle, the bullet crossing the river and, according to Private Charles Prescott, dropping at his feet.

The Americans returned the fire and by the time the reserves reached the river to re-enforce them they had driven the Mexicans back to their horses. Before reaching the picket line, however, the militiamen asserted, one of the Mexicans stumbled and fell in a clump of grease wood and did not rise.

INTENSITY OF FIGHTING IN FRANCE DWINDLES

AUSTRIANS CLAIM TO BE HOLDING CZAR'S TROOPS IN CARPATHIAN SECTION.

London, July 19.—With the exception of the region of Longueval and south of the Somme at Blancher, relative calm prevails on the fighting front in France.

The British and Germans are engaged in a sanguinary conflict in the region of Longueval salient, to the northwest of Combes. With the clearing of the weather the Germans have taken the aggressive here after a preliminary bombardment in which a new asphyxiating gas shell was used. At last accounts no decision had been reached in the battle.

To the south of the Somme the French and the Germans are still at grips at Biaches, where the French have driven out the Germans from some of the houses they occupied in the village.

While Petrograd chronicles further advances against the Turks by the Russian right wing, Constantinople says that the center of the Slav army in recent days has suffered tremendous losses south of the Tchoruk river, and their attacks have become less violent.

Cannonading is going on along the entire front in the region of the Greek border between the forces of the Teutonic allies and the entente armies. No infantry engagements have occurred.

Mrs. P. Y. Moore and daughters, Mrs. D. L. Winfield and Miss Eugenia, have returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Birmingham.

SENATE PROVIDES 57 WAR VESSELS

FOUR DREADNAUGHTS AND FOUR BATTLE CRUISERS IN 1917.

INCREASE HOUSE APPROPRIATION

Upper Branch Adds 85 Vessels to Number Already Provided.

Washington, July 19.—The Senate adopted the building construction program of the naval bill by a viva voce vote.

It provides for the construction within three years of 157 war vessels in all, four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers to be built next year.

The ships to be constructed by July 1, 1919, under the Senate program follows:

Battleships, 10; four this year. Battle cruisers, six; four in 1917. Scout cruisers, 10; four in 1917. Torpedo boat destroyers, 50; 20 in 1917. Fleet submarines, 9; two now building, to be completed in 1917; coast submarines, 58; 30 in 1917.

Other ships include one submarine with Neff system of propulsion, three fuel ships, two ammunition ships, one hospital ship, one repair ship, one transport, two destroyer tenders, one fleet submarine and two gunboats.

The bill as it passed the House provided for a total of 72 ships, with only five capital ships, all battle cruisers.

The enlarged naval building programme recommended by the naval committee after a conference with President Wilson and Secretary Daniels, was approved by the Senate today by a viva voce vote. Democratic and Republican leaders worked together to secure its passage, and although a small group of senators from both sides of the chamber opposed it during debate, sentiment in its favor was so overwhelming

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"PICKLED EARS" OF SOLDIERS ARE EXHIBITED IN WINDOWS

TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF BARBARIC WARFARE SEEN AT CHIHUAHUA CITY.

Chihuahua City, July 18.—"Pickled ears," cut off Carranzista officers and soldiers by Pancho Villa, were placed on exhibition in shop windows here today.

Fifteen officers and ten soldiers, imprisoned by the bandit when he captured Jimenez, arrived here last night in a pitiable plight. Both ears of each officer had been amputated. Following the "operations" the severed members were restored to victims, who were released.

The officers and soldiers made their way from Jimenez here on foot, bringing their gruesome relics with them. They made a full report to Gen. Jacinto Trevino, Carranza commander in Chihuahua.

"After the fight," they said, "we were ordered to stand before an adobe wall. A firing squad was placed before us. We thought death was at hand.

"Then a Villista officer appeared before us, asking which we preferred—death or to have our ears cut off. We chose the latter. One by one we were seized, bound and laid on the ground. Then three Villista officers with sabers began the bloody work."

Gen. Canuto Reyes, commander of the new Carranza garrison at Jimenez arrived here unexpectedly today and brought official reports to Gen. Trevino of Villa's position and strength. Reyes, who is a former Villa general, was reported last week to have surrendered his command to the bandit and to have joined him.

"Villa has moved from his base at Cerro Gordo to within 10 miles of Parral, to the northeast," Gen. Reyes reported. "He has more than 3,500 new men encamped at his new base. Nearly as many more I have heard, are formed in bands which are devastating the surrounding country. The beginning of the rainy season has furnished him plen-

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